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SUBJ: NAP BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 3416; (B) KARACHI 1188 (NOTAL)

1. THE PAKISTAN SUPREME COURT JUNE 17 BEGAN HEARING ARGUMENTS IN THE GOP'S CASE FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY. GOP IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT A ONE DAY SYNOPSIS OF ITS CASE JUNE 19 AGAINST THE NAP; THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FOUR DAY DEFENSE INTRODUCTION ARGUED BY MAHMUD ALI KASURI, TEHRIK-I-ISTIQLAL MNA WHO IS PAKISTAN'S "LAWYER TO THE OPPOSITION". THE GOP IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN PRESENTING EVIDENCE AND CALLING WITNESSES BEGINNING NEXT WEEK. IMPOUNDED NAP ASSETS, WHICH HAD BEEN UNFROZEN (REF A, PARA 2), HAVE REPORTEDLY PROVED MINIMAL SO SUPREME COURT HAS ORDERED THE GOVERNMENT TO PAY 1500 RUPEES PER DAY OF TRIAL TO NAP TO COVER COST OF DEFENSE.

2. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE
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HAMOOD-UR-REHMAN WOULD LIKE TO SEE A VERDICT IN THE CASE

BEFORE SEPTEMBER. PESHAWAR JOURNALUST ASGHAR ALI SHAH
JUNE 16 TOLD MISSION OFFICERS THAT THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HOPES TO RETIRE FROM THE COURT THEN AND WANTS TO SEE A
CONCLUSION BEFORE DOING SO.

3. FOR KARACHI, REF B, WHILE WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED 150
PAGES OF WALT'S PROPOSED ARGUMENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
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THAT YOU SHOULD ALSO SEND IT TO OTHER ADDRESSEES YOU
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